

To Whom It May Concern:

K-LOVE is the only radio station I will listen to with children present because the station shares my values. I have a fifteen year-old girl, a nine year-old boy and a two year-old boy. It's one of the few stations that the older kids agree on, and the youngest seems to also enjoy. The songs are uplifting and do not promote rebellion, and the DJs are encouraging and friendly. The news is current and usually includes a positive story, which helps to offset the negativity in the media these days. Also, because they are mostly nation-wide, I hear weather reports or the call letters/numbers of the station near my parents home, and I feel a sense of unity around the nation. It is incredible to think someone in Chicago is singing the same song I am at the same time, for example.

When we drive to school and back or on errands, the kids sing along to K-LOVE, and the mood improves. I would rather have them singing about the love of God rather than about sex, drugs and rock n roll or broken homes and affairs. I appreciate the freedom of speech and religion we are blessed with in this country.

Setting up a community advisory board does not protect this freedom. This sets up those who oppose K-LOVE's values to limit their freedom of speech and religion. California is not friendly to conservative Christians. Also, each community has different values and different ideas. For example, the community in Los Angeles would differ from Sacramento, which would differ from Chicago and Dallas, etc. K-LOVE covers a large area, and each community they serve would focus on a different issue.

Forcing stations to give airtime to any group that requests it goes against the idea of listener-supported stations. Listeners support the stations because they agree with the values being broadcasted. An atheist station should not be forced to broadcast Christian, Islamic, Jewish or any other religion's ideas. Neither should a religious station be forced to broadcast ideas from other groups. There are plenty of public stations and areas for a mixture of agendas, ideas, issues and debate. Listener supported stations should not be forced into those arenas if their listeners don't want them to. There are plenty of stations to go around. If a person does not like the ideas or values of one station, that person is free to change stations. Forcing airtime to any group that requests it goes against the principle of having a choice or a voice.

Over time, larger companies have forced smaller businesses out. An example of this would be a small clothing store closing when Wal-Mart comes to town. Driving up the costs of broadcasting by requiring a staff member to be present whenever a radio station is on the air and relocating main studio facilities is similar. These measures will drive some of the smaller, listener supported stations off the air. We have the technology to make a staff member constantly present unnecessary. This helps with the costs of broadcasting. This practice has been around for a long time. Why is this change suddenly necessary? Is our technology failing?

Please reconsider your proposals. Freedom of speech and religion are part of what sets America apart. Protect these precious freedoms. Please.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Angie Ives